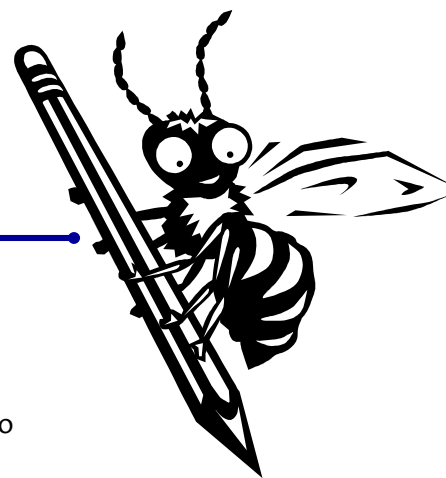
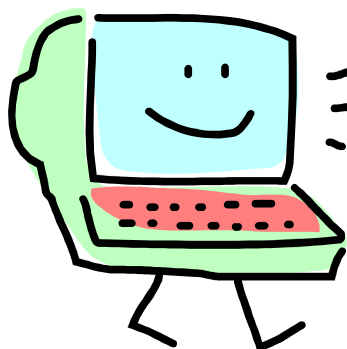


Youth Services Notes



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Extranet

The Library of Virginia Extranet has moved over to Plinkit, which stands for Public Library Interface Kit. Plinkit began as a two-year LSTA grant project in Oregon and is now used by several state libraries including Virginia. Plinkit is built using Plone, an open-source content management system, which allows the website to be edited from any computer with internet access.

Homepage: <http://www.vpl.lib.va.us/>

Below are some sections that may be of interest.

Under Directory and Listservs

Children's Contact Information and Teen contact information. Also sign up for the VALIB list. The Youth Services list has been folded into the VALIB.

Under Funding and Grants

Guidelines and application form for \$500 mini grants.

Under Library Resources — Resource Directory, also

Under Youth Services — Program Ideas

Under Resources — Performers

Contact information for artists, performers, speakers and consultants.

Note you need to use both drop down menus

Under Youth Services — Program Ideas and Resources

Program ideas, which were posted on a wiki, have been moved over to the Extranet.

Under Youth Services — Summer Reading Program

Information and Resources for the summer reading program.

See also CSLP Summer Reading Program <http://www/cslpreads.org>

To see full content of the website you must be registered and use a password.

Under Youth Services — Library Tips for Better Service

Best practices for library service to children and youth.

Under Youth Services — Youth Service Notes

Back issues of the Youth Services Notes.

Under Youth Services — Reports

Board reports, Youth Services Advisory Committee Reports and much more oh so very stimulating information, which might interest or bore.

Under CE and Training — Upcoming Training

Links to schedule of events and registration for any upcoming workshop/training programs offered by Library of Virginia.

Points of Interest

Summer Reading Program Resources

are available for downloading from the Library of Virginia's Virginia Public Library Extranet

- ☒ Video Clips
- ☒ Radio announcement
- ☒ Music and lyrics
- ☒ Clip art

Summer Reading Program for 2011

The Library of Virginia is working with JanWay to develop additional materials for the 2011 summer reading program.

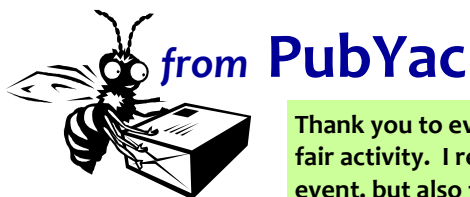
- **Children**—“**Amazing Tales at Your Library**” featuring art by Simms Taback

- **Teens**—“**You are Here, but Books Take You Anywhere**”

featuring art by Daniel Swartz
Public libraries in Virginia may also order 2011 materials from CSLP.

“Moreover, people *told* they are generous and open-minded often discover that they really *are*, so that flattery of the right kind...does nothing but good.”

Miss Bianca, Margery Sharp, 1962



Science Programs

Thank you to everyone who shared their suggestions for a middle school science storytime/science fair activity. I received a lot of great ideas and am looking forward to using them not only for this event, but also for fall programs at the library. Here is the compilation.

Thanks again,
Jennifer Perryman

Could you feature or book talk your books on how to make paper airplanes and then have two sets of supplies for the kids to make and fly their own? A fun version uses a straw with two circles front and back. The kids can experiment with circle size. Use a paper clip on the front end of the straw.

Even if this is middle school, how about **Who sank the boat**, by Pamela Allen. Then have tubs of water, foil and something like pennies to build boats. A similar book is: **Mr. Gumpy's outing** by John Burningham.

With the same group of preschoolers & parents, we built file card bridges after reading **Three billy goats gruff**. I had dishpans of water and we tested the strength of each bridge with play mobile figures. Lots of splashing and fun.

After reading **The outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place** <http://cmars.cwmars.org/search%7ES64?/akonigsburg/akonigsburg/1%2C2%2C52%2CB/frameset&FF=akonigsburg+e+l&27%2C%2C51>byE L Konigsburg> with 4-6th graders, we built towers/structures with toothpicks and gumdrops.



Science story times are a blast. The preschool programs got me started. I attended a workshop "Mother Goose asks why" that promotes exploring basic science principles with simple, found at home materials and stories. I turned their idea into my own version of storytimes. Have fun! I even borrowed a lab coat from WPI for my official storytime attire.

Have you heard of the juvenile picture book **The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate My School** by Judy Sierra? Here's a description:

The title and the cover, showing a blackboard coated in drippy, Technicolor goo, give away the ending of this boisterous story, but that won't deter kids from reveling in the silly, gory details, which begin when a third-grader can't think of a science-fair project. While her classmates put the finishing touches on wildly ambitious experiments (a moonworthy rocket ship, a cure for a disease), the girl frets. Finally she comes across an Internet solution: "Professor Swami's Super Slime." She places her order, but when the stuff arrives, she accidentally releases it. Taking on a menacing life of its own, it devours everything in its path. Sierra's rhyming couplets create humor from the horror, spurring on the slapstick with references to "moldy underwear" and other dependable crowd-pleasers. The laughs and suspense are wonderfully magnified by Gammell's skew-angled, paint-splotted illustrations, which explode with fantasy and the familiar, messy details of a child's world. An energetic, darkly comic spin on the common story of a science project gone wrong. Pair this with Michelle Knudsen's **A Moldy Mystery** o (2006). --Gillian Engberg Copyright 2006 Booklist

It's a fun story and I'm sure it would hold the attention of a crew of middle schoolers. Have fun!

I haven't done a lot with this age group as we have a different librarian who handles programming for tweens and teens, but a long time ago, in a different setting, I had a program on urban legends that was very popular with this

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Upcoming Workshops



ALA 2010 Virtual Conference

Registration Now Open!

For information —

www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/registration/index.cfm#virtual

Dewey Decimal Class

July 1, 2010, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cumberland County Public Library

For information or to register go to <http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Sharing Success

Educating Professional Leaders in School and Public Youth Services Librarianship

The Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is awarding a limited number of two-year FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS to outstanding and diverse students who already hold a master's degree, have a strong interest in YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIANSHIP, and are admitted to the GSLIS Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) program for Fall 2010. (Deadline for application: June 15, 2010.) Sharing Success is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Questions? E-mail sharingsuccess@mail.lis.illinois.edu

Association for Library Service to Children's (ALSC) 2010 National Institute

Taking place in Atlanta on September 23 - 25, 2010 at the Emory Conference Center. Registration program details and prices are now available on the ALSC Web site. Early bird registration (ends 6/30)

For more information please visit <http://www.ala.org/alscinstitute>.

Questions should be directed to ALSC Deputy Director Kirby Simmering at ksimmering@ala.org or 1-800-545-2433, ext. 2164.

Timeless Stories: Celebrating 25 Years of Children's Literature

June 28—July 2, 2010

For the past 25 years, the Children's Literature Conference at Shenandoah University has been striving to share with teachers and librarians the best that children's literature has to offer. Join us for this year's conference, June 28-July 2, 2010 and study with the highly talented authors and artists who will be presenting.

During the conference, participants will attend morning sessions with the featured authors and illustrators. In the afternoons, participants can choose to attend small group workshops, classes and roundtable discussions. Whether you work with the very young or the seasoned student, you will find new teaching ideas, new resources and new understandings to promote literacy in the classroom.

For more information, contact Dr. Karen Huff at khuff@su.edu or call (540) 545-7215.

Guest Speakers

Katherine Paterson, Pam Monoz Ryan, Carmen Agra Deedy, David Wiesner, Laura Vaccaro Seeger, Fred Brown, Pamela Duncan Edwards, Henry Cole, Patricia and Fred McKissack, Amy Krouse Rosenthal, Deborah Wiles, Blue Balliett and Patricia MacLachlan

Cost \$595 - \$580 depending on credit desired. \$570 to audit Plus lodging

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Science Programs

age group. Perhaps, you could pick one that is appropriate for middle schoolers and then do a related science project that deals with the probability (or improbability) of such an occurrence. This was a number of years ago, but I vaguely recall using a book with entitled "Spiders in the Hairdo" or something similar as a source.

I do a regular science program for grades K-5 where I introduce the concept for that session with a story or a short section from a longer book and then have the kids do several experiments based on the concept. How long does your activity need to be? Here are a couple I've done that can be completed in a fairly short amount of time.



Aerodynamics

The kids make an airfoil out of cardstock and mount it on a thin dowel rod so it can move up and down on it. Hold it in front of a fan to show how the shape makes the airfoil move up or down.

Book: **Egg Drop** by Mini Grey

Sound Waves

Have the kids poke a hole in the bottom of a plastic cup and thread a piece of string through the hole. Tie a knot at the end to keep it from slipping through. Holding the cup upside down, drag a wet paper towel down the string. The cup will amplify the sound and make a quacking noise.

Book: **Dona Flor** by Pat Mora



Also, what about this resource:

Enderle, Dotti. **Storytime Discoveries: Read-Aloud Stories and Demonstrations about Biological Science**. (2003)

Did you ever read any of the Hawkeye Collins & Amy Adams book series?

They are mysteries, each chapter is a short mystery to solve based on the clues given. Answers are given in the back of the book written backwards (you have to read in a mirror). Many are based on science. (I used this as into to summer reading for the Get a Clue school visits.)

Being a youth services librarian and formerly a teacher, I believe a great book to read would be Walter Wick's "A Drop of Water." After, or during the reading you could do several of the "experiments" it shows in the book. It also has incredibly great close-up pictures! It is a great book!

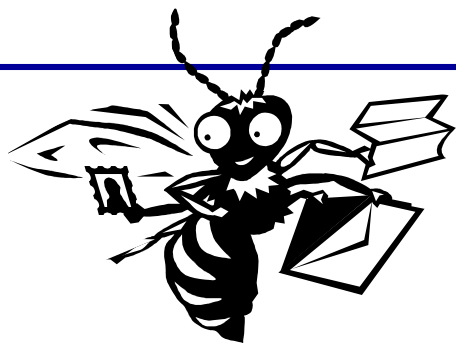
I do several science programs at my library every year for ages 6-8 and 9-12. In the past, I have always read a picture book at the beginning and then we do our hands-on activities. For my upcoming program with the older kids, I'm either going to read a little from a chapter book or book talk a couple chapter books.

Sometimes I struggle with finding a read-aloud book that I like, that goes with my science topic. So, I would love to see the ideas that you receive!



Since you are going to have a table at a busy event, I would tell a story instead of trying to read one. I suggest telling the 2nd chapter of Simon, Seymour **Einstein Anderson: Wings of Darkness and Other Cases Morrow**, 1998, if you can find a copy (it is out of print). Then you can have the students do the challenges mentioned in the story: try to fold a newspaper in half 9 times (its impossible) and put a straw into a raw potato. The scientific explanations are at the end of the chapter. This works well with middle school students and the characters are in the sixth and eighth grades.

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Worth the Look

Best Books for Babies

<http://www.beginningwithbooks.org/books>

From Beginning with Books Center for Early Literacy

Summer Reading

<http://www.readingrockets.org/webcasts/3002>

Early Warning!

Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters: A KIDS COUNT Special Report

from the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Children who read on grade level by the end of third grade are more successful in school, work, and in life. This KIDS COUNT special report affirms a commitment by the Casey Foundation to help ensure that all students are proficient in reading by the end of third grade and help narrow the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children.

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/reports/readingmatters.aspx>

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I would recommend **Science Verse** and **Math Curse**, both by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith.

This isn't exactly what you asked for, but there is a magic trick in which you open a book and a real flame bursts forth. I just googled "magic trick" "flaming book" and found that it can be purchased online. It would certainly attract attention, and then you could segue into literature with a brief booktalk on several books that are "flaming hot" right now with middle schoolers and science by discussing the chemistry of the magic trick.

A List of Books on HIV/AIDS

compiled by Mary Jo Vortkamp



7 Days at the Hot Corner by Terry Trueman

Chanda's Secret by Alan Stratton

In the Time I Get by Chris Crutcher

The Beat Goes On by Adele Minchin

The Heaven Shop by Deborah Ellis

Ana's Story by Jenna Bush

Fade to Black by Alex Flinn

At Risk by Alice Hoffman

Positively by Courtney Sheinmel

Earthshine by Theresa Nelson

City Boy by Jan Michael

A Dream to Cherish by Angela Hunt

What You Don't Know Can Kill You by Fran Arrick

The Naked Truth: Young, Beautiful, and (HIV) Positive by Marvelyn Brown.

Quicksand : HIV/AIDS in Our Lives by Anonymous